

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 42 (MAPLE RIDGE-PITT MEADOWS)  
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 30, 2008**

Present:

Chair	Mrs. C. Ashlie
Vice Chair	Mrs. K. Ward
Trustees:	Mr. R. Butler
	Mrs. K. Marshall
	Mrs. N. Joostema
	Dr. D. Rempel
	Mr. S. Vdovine
Superintendent of Schools	Mr. J.L. Simpson
Secretary Treasurer	Mr. D. Woytowich
Asst. Superintendent	Dr. R. Cranston
Asst. Superintendent	Mrs. J. Unwin
Communications Officer	Mr. S. Nesling
Executive Assistant & Recorder	Mrs. C.J. Jones

**A - OPENING PROCEDURES**

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Correspondence & Announcements

**P260-07/08** Mover: Trustee Rempel  
 Secunder: Trustee Ward

“That correspondence addressed to the Board be received for information.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Ordering of Agenda

**P261-07/08** Mover: Trustee Rempel  
 Secunder: Trustee Marshall

“That the agenda be ordered as circulated and amended as follows:

Add:

H1(a) French Immersion Programs (Elem. & Sec. Level), Timeline and Process for Catchment Adjustments.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board Chair asked whether anyone present had questions regarding items on the agenda. There were no questions.

**B - CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

1) January 9, 2008

**P262-07/08** Mover: Trustee Rempel  
 Secunder: Trustee Ward

“That the Minutes of the January 9, 2008, Public meeting be approved as circulated.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**C – PRESENTATIONS**

1. Ridge Meadows College Business Plan

The Board welcomed the presenters to the meeting.

Mr. Polan, Manager of International Education/Executive Director Ridge Meadows College, Ron Lancaster, Director of Operations, and college staff presented an overview of the college and its range of post secondary training programs. He outlined many of the new programs which are run either independently or in partnership with other organizations.

Chair Ashlie thanked the presenters for their informative presentation and they left the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

**D – DELEGATIONS****E - CHAIR REPORT**

a) Correspondence for Board Action

- Fun Zone Children's Festival Correspondence

**P263-07/08** Mover: Trustee Rempel  
 Second: Trustee Ward

"That the Board receive the Fun Zone Children's Festival Correspondence dated January 5, 2008."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**P264-07/08** Mover: Trustee Rempel  
 Second: Trustee Ward

"That the Board support the Fun Zone Children's Festival committee request for funding to a maximum amount of \$1,500."

Trustee Ashlie	Affirmative
Trustee Butler	Affirmative
Trustee Marshall	Affirmative
Trustee Rempel	Affirmative
Trustee Ward	Affirmative
Trustee Joostema	Negative
Trustee Vdovine	Negative

CARRIED

b) Board Announcement  
 c) Other Matters

- Trustee Access to Information Bylaw

**P265-07/08** Mover: Trustee Rempel  
 Second: Trustee Marshall

"That the Board grant first reading to the Trustee Access to Information Bylaw, as circulated."

The Secretary Treasurer stated that he had received a call from the Freedom of Information and Privacy Commissioner's office who expressed some concerns with respect to the 1.0 of the bylaw, and recommended some additional wording.

Some trustees also expressed concerns with the wording of the bylaw and its limitations. Others felt that the bylaw merely outlined a process to follow.

**P266-07/08** Mover: Trustee Rempel  
 Secunder: Trustee Ward

"That the Board amend Motion **P265-07/08** as follows:

- 3.0 All reports and information requested of staff required to facilitate the Board in doing Board business, must be initiated and approved by the Board;
- 4.0 Individual Trustees must not request staff to produce reports related to Board business that have not been approved by the Board;
- 5.0 General knowledge and questions for clarity may be directed to staff. All attempts should be made to share this knowledge with all Trustees if related to Board business.

Trustee Ashlie	Affirmative
Trustee Butler	Affirmative
Trustee Marshall	Affirmative
Trustee Rempel	Affirmative
Trustee Ward	Affirmative

Trustee Joostema	Negative
Trustee Vdovine	Negative

CARRIED

**P267-07/08** Mover: Trustee Joostema  
 Secunder: Trustee Butler

"That the Board amend Motion **P265-07/08** as amended by **P266-07/08** as follows:

- 5.0 should read: General knowledge and questions for clarity may be directed to staff.

Trustee Ashlie	Affirmative
Trustee Butler	Affirmative
Trustee Joostema	Affirmative
Trustee Marshall	Affirmative
Trustee Ward	Affirmative

Trustee Rempel	Negative
Trustee Vdovine	Negative

CARRIED

**P268-07/08** Mover: Trustee Marshall  
 Second: Trustee Rempel

“That the Board amend Motion **P267-07/08** as follows:

6.0 should read: Trustees must respect and utilize the Agenda Preparation Process to request information and/or reports from staff”.

Trustee Ashlie	Affirmative
Trustee Joostema	Affirmative
Trustee Marshall	Affirmative
Trustee Rempel	Affirmative
Trustee Ward	Affirmative

Trustee Butler	Negative
Trustee Vdovine	Negative

CARRIED

**P269-07/08** Mover: Trustee Rempel  
 Second: Trustee Ward

“That the Board amend 1.0 of the Procedural Bylaw by adding the words **“for access to any past minutes”** at the end of the last sentence.”

Trustee Ashlie	Affirmative
Trustee Marshall	Affirmative
Trustee Rempel	Affirmative
Trustee Ward	Affirmative

Trustee Butler	Negative
Trustee Joostema	Negative
Trustee Vdovine	Negative

CARRIED

The question was called on Motion **P265-07/08** as amended by **P266-07/08, P267-07/08, P268-07/08** and **P269-07/08**:

Trustee Ashlie	Affirmative
Trustee Marshall	Affirmative
Trustee Rempel	Affirmative
Trustee Ward	Affirmative

Trustee Butler	Negative
Trustee Joostema	Negative
Trustee Vdovine	Negative

CARRIED

## F - DEFERRED ITEMS

## G - TRUSTEE MOTIONS

### 1. Student Assessment in B.C. – Trustee Ashlie

**P270-07/08** Mover: Trustee Rempel  
 Secunder: Trustee Joostema

Chair Ashlie asked Vice Chair Ward to assume the Chair to enable her to speak to the motion.

Trustee Ashlie provided an overview on the reasons for bringing the motions on Student Assessment in B.C. forward for Board consideration.

- a) “That the Superintendent reports to the Board the various forms of assessment and their purposes that are used within our District;
- b) That the Superintendent reports to the Board how widespread the practice of assessment for learning is in our District
- c) That the Superintendent defines a plan of ensuring assessment for learning will be an integral part of student assessment in the District.”

Discussion ensued.

**P271-07/08** Mover: Trustee Joostema  
 Secunder: Trustee Vdovine

“That the Board table Motion **P270-07/08**, until senior staff can provide more detailed information on assessment.”

The Superintendent stated that he was comfortable with the assessment information brought forward to the Board, and had discussed the matter with the Board Chair.

The question was called on Motion **P271-07/08**:

Trustee Ashlie	Negative
Trustee Butler	Negative
Trustee Marshall	Negative
Trustee Rempel	Negative
Trustee Ward	Negative

Trustee Joostema	Affirmative
Trustee Vdovine	Affirmative

DEFEATED

The question was called on Motion **P270-07/08**:

Trustee Ashlie	Affirmative
Trustee Butler	Affirmative
Trustee Joostema	Affirmative
Trustee Marshall	Affirmative
Trustee Rempel	Affirmative
Trustee Ward	Affirmative

Trustee Vdovine	Negative
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CARRIED

**P272-07/08** Mover: Trustee Marshall  
 Secunder: Trustee Butler

“That the Board table the remaining motions contained in Trustee Ashlie’s report until a future date.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Daycare Space in New Schools

**P273-07/08** Mover: Trustee Rempel  
 Secunder: Trustee Butler

“That the Board enter into discussions with the Municipality and any other government bodies, about the potential for a partnership that would establish and operate a daycare, as part of the design plan for the 104<sup>th</sup> elementary school site.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Trustee Ashlie returned to chair the meeting.

## H - CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

- Decision Items
  - a) Superintendent of Schools
    - 15 Seater Van Update

**P274-07/08** Mover: Trustee Ward  
 Secunder: Trustee Butler

“That the Board receive the Superintendent’s 15 Seater Van Update Report, for information.”

The Secretary Treasurer circulated an e-mail received from the Ministry of Education regarding Canadian jurisdictions: school purpose vehicles, for further information.

The Superintendent provided a report on the use of 15 seater vans, following an accident in New Brunswick. He said there have been a number of investigations on 15 seater vans as used in school districts, and their safety. Mr. Harrison, Purchasing and Transportation Manager, is recommending that the District suspend the use of the 15 seater vans until direction is received from the Ministry of Education, and that if no direction is forthcoming, the District create a committee to study the issue in detail. He also suggested that secondary school representation be included.

Discussion ensued.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**P275-07/08** Mover: Trustee Vdovine  
 Secunder: Trustee Butler

“That the Board:

- a) forward a letter to the Ministry of Education and Minister of Transportation asking them to ask School Districts to suspend the use of 15 seater passenger vans until an investigation on safety concerns has been undertaken. The letter should also be copied to the Premier of B.C. and Leader of the Opposition and;
- b) put forward an emergent motion to BCSTA Provincial Council.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



- French Immersion Programs (Elem. & Sec. Level)

**P276-07/08** Mover: Trustee Rempel  
 Secoder: Trustee Ward

“That the Board receive the Superintendent’s French Immersion Programs (Elementary & Secondary), Timelines and Process for Catchment Adjustments Report, for information.”

Ms. Rowen, Director of Instruction, Curriculum and Assessment, outlined a proposal for a review of all aspects of the District’s French Immersion programs. She said it is important to look at program location, options, growth opportunities, current research and trends, student enrolment data and staffing implications.

The Superintendent asked that the Board consider hiring an outside Facilitator to undertake this extensive review.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**P277-07/08** Mover: Trustee Joostema  
 Secoder: Trustee Ward

“That the Board direct staff to hire a facilitator to undertake the FI Programs review.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b) Assistant Superintendents

- BAA Courses

**P278-07/08** Mover: Trustee Rempel  
 Secoder: Trustee Ward

“That the Board approve “Photography Graphic Design 11” proposed by Philip Crawford, Thomas Haney Secondary School, as a BAA course”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**P279-07/08** Mover: Trustee Rempel  
 Secoder: Trustee Butler

“That the Board approve “Advanced Soccer 11/12” proposed by John Sneddon, Samuel Robinson Technical School, as a BAA course”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**P280-07/08** Mover: Trustee Butler  
 Secunder: Trustee Ward

“That the Board approve “ESL Canadian Studies 10” proposed by Linda Lim Bradley, Maple Ridge Secondary School, as a BAA course”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**P281-07/08** Mover: Trustee Rempel  
 Secunder: Trustee Butler

“That the Board approve “ESL Composition 11” proposed by Linda Lim Bradley, Maple Ridge Secondary School, as a BAA course”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**P282-07/08** Mover: Trustee Rempel  
 Secunder: Trustee Ward

“That the Board approve “English Language Development 10” proposed by Linda Lim Bradley, Maple Ridge Secondary School, as a BAA course”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**P283-07/08** Mover: Trustee Rempel  
 Secunder: Trustee Butler

“That the Board approve “English Language Development 11” proposed by Linda Lim Bradley, Maple Ridge Secondary School, as a BAA course”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Kindergarten Registration Process & Managing Enrolment

**P284-07/08** Mover: Trustee Ward  
 Secunder: Trustee Rempel

“That the Board receive information on Kindergarten registration and Grade 1-7 transfers.”

Assistant Superintendent Randy Cranston described this year’s Elementary Registration and Grade 1-7 transfer process. He said that this year, the process aims at balancing enrolment and includes development of a common registration form.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c) Secretary Treasurer

2. Information Items

a) Superintendent of Schools

- Riverside Update

**P285-07/08** Mover: Trustee Rempel  
 Secunder: Trustee Butler

“That the Board receive the Superintendent’s Riverside Update Report, for information.”

The Superintendent stated that there was a parent information meeting on Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup> to update parents on the health concerns at Riverside school. Dr. Larry Gustafson, Medical Health Officer, Dr. Goran Krstic, Fraser Health Authority, and district staff, were in attendance to answer any questions the parents may have had. Dr. Nhu Le of the Cancer Control Research was unable to attend the meeting and had sent his regrets.

The Superintendent explained that the first step in the process involves the collection of more detailed information on the identified individuals than has been provided to date. Step two will be a search of the cancer registry to determine if any staff employed at the school since 1996, have been diagnosed with cancer. Should evidence of a cancer cluster be revealed in these two steps, a full environmental investigation will be conducted. He said he would continue to keep the Board informed on this issue.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Mission, Vision and Values Statement

**P286-07/08** Mover: Trustee Rempel  
 Secunder: Trustee Ward

“That the Board receive the plans to roll out the Mission, Vision and Values Statement, for information.”

The Superintendent said that the Mission, Vision, and Values Statement has now been established, and he outlined plans to announce them.

A media release will be prepared, a parent evening will be held on February 12<sup>th</sup> at MRSS. The statements will be a part of the introductory activities at the teacher conference on February 13<sup>th</sup>, and hard copies of the statements will be distributed to all schools and school district buildings during the week of February 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>. In addition, a “Shining a Light on our Mission, Vision, Values” afternoon is being planned involving groups from all schools, the purpose of which is to “operationalize” the statements.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Good News Items

The Good News Items will be deferred to the next meeting. However, Chair Ashlie suggested that a letter be forwarded to the Inspector Wakely and the RCMP detachment to thank them for their support during recent incidents in the District.

**P287-07/08** Mover: Trustee Rempel  
 Second: Trustee Butler

“That the Board forward a letter to Inspector Wakely and the RCMP detachment to thank them for their support which was exemplified by their involvement in recent incidents in our District.”

Trustee Vdovine expressed a concern that by thanking the RCMP, the Board may be perceived as becoming involved in a “political” issue between the Municipality and RCMP over recent remarks by the Mayor advocating a municipal police force, and the local media coverage on the issue.

The Board Chair stated that the letter was merely a way of thanking the RCMP for its support. It had nothing to do with the Municipality and comments made by the Mayor, and reported in the media.

Trustee Ashlie	Affirmative
Trustee Butler	Affirmative
Trustee Joostema	Affirmative
Trustee Marshall	Affirmative
Trustee Rempel	Affirmative
Trustee Ward	Affirmative
Trustee Vdovine	Negative

CARRIED

b) Assistant Superintendents

c) Secretary Treasurer

- Response from Shaw Cable Re: Broadcasting of Public Meetings
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**P288-07/08** Mover: Trustee Rempel  
 Secunder: Trustee Ward

“That the Board receive the response from Shaw Cable regarding the broadcasting of Public Board meetings, for information.”

The Board agreed that there would be no further discussion on the matter.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### **I - COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

1. Committee-of-the-Whole
2. Committees & Advisory Committee Reports
  - a) Education Committee
  - b) Human Resources Committee
  - c) Finance Committee
  - d) Policy Advisory Committee
    - Policy GC – Retirement of Staff

**P289-07/08** Mover: Trustee Rempel  
 Secunder: Trustee Ward

“That the Board delete Policy GC – Retirement of Staff from the Policy Manual.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- e) Education Advisory Committee
- f) Aboriginal Education Committee
- g) French Immersion Advisory Committee
- h) Anti-Vandalism Advisory Committee
- i) District Student Advisory Committee

## J - QUESTION PERIOD

### 1. Trustee Questions

Trustee Vdovine asked for verification of the date the Board will have an opportunity to discuss the French Immersion programs, timelines and catchment adjustments. The Superintendent advised that a presentation will be provided to the Board in May.

Trustee Joostema stated that she would like to see something come forward on the protection of Special Education programs, particularly at Mount Crescent Elementary.

### 2. Public Questions

Ms. McVeigh asked whether copies of the Ridge Meadows College presentation handout could be made available to the public. Chair Ashlie said that a copy would be made available for her.

Ms. McVeigh recommended that trustees go onto “google” to get further facts on the 15 seater passenger vans.

### 3. DPAC Questions

Ms. Froelich, DPAC Chair announced that the next DPAC meeting will be held on February 4<sup>th</sup> at Pitt Meadows Elementary.

### 4. Employee Group Questions

Mr. Serra, MRTA representative, referred to the Student Assessment report and said that it should be clarified that reference to Professional Development would be more appropriately called “In-Service”.

Chair Ashlie agreed and said she would have brought this correction forward had the report been discussed in more detail this evening.

## K- TRUSTEE REPORTS

- External Representative Reports
- Board Liaison Representative Reports
  - Social Planning Committee Report

**P290-07/08** Mover: Trustee Rempel  
 Secunder: Trustee Ward

“That the Board receive the Social Planning Meeting Report, for information.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Trustee Marshall attended the recent Inclusive Education meeting, the minutes of which will be circulated at the next Board meeting. The next Inclusive Education meeting is scheduled for March 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Trustee Butler attended the DPAC meeting and provided a brief report.
- Trustee Joostema provided a report on the recent Arts Council meeting which included a presentation by Mr. Mike Murray, Parks & Leisure Services Manager, on planned events leading up to the 2010 Olympics.
- Trustee Rempel reminded the Board that the RMEF Dinner and Planned Giving Event will take place on February 29<sup>th</sup> at THSS.
- Other Trustee Reports
  - Policy – School Heritage Archives

**P291-07/08** Mover: Trustee Rempel  
 Secunder: Trustee Butler

“That the Board grant first reading the School Heritage Archives Policy, as circulated.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### **L - OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **M - ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary Treasurer

